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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-26 have been rejected.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13-14, 17, 19-26 have been amended.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections. Claims 1-26 has been rewritten to overcome the rejections.

Drawings Rejections

The drawings have been objected to for lacking the labels of numerals 20,10,16,18,12 and 22. Fig. 1 has been amended to match the specification in accordance with the

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Examiner's rejections. The entire drawing set containing the corrected drawing is enclosed for review by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-26 because of alleged informalities. Claim 1-26 has been amended in order to cure these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph], as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13-14, 17, 19-26 have been amended to overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing amendment merely addresses matters of form and does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments render claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13-14, 17, 19-26 proper under 35 USC 112 and request that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

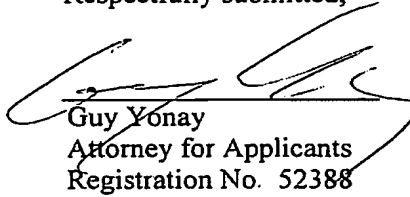
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

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prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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